(a)why nurses in the Medical Department are not allowed to marry now;

(b) is it not a fact that very severe penalties are imposed on a nurse if she "commits marriage".

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*— (a) Nurses are not allowed to remain in service if they marry because Government consider that married nurses would not be able to devote their whole time and attention to their work in the hospital which is very essential in the interests of patients.

(b) If she marries, she forfeits her appointment.

Accommodation—Male Hospital—Mattancheri.

24. Mr. M. V. Cherian *(Mattancheri Town-South).*— Will the Government be pleased to state how many beds are being provided for in the new Male Hospital, Mattancheri?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*— 110 beds at present.

Statement of Cholera and Small-pox— publication of.

25. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty *(Pazhanji).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) who is mainly responsible for the publication of abstract statement of cholera and small-pox in the State in the Gazette;

(b) how many attacks and deaths of small-pox have taken place in Kottol near Pazhanji during the last week of Karkadagam 1111 and the first week of Chingam 1112;

(c) how can the Government account for 'Nil' statements published in the Gazette dated 21st Chingam 1112 and 28th Chingam 1112 with regard to small-pox in the State;

(d) who is to report about the attacks of small-pox and cholera in a village to the authorities concerned;

(e) have such people reported about the attacks of small-pox in Karikkad village;

(f) if not, why not;

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